
 National Transportation Safety Board PRELIMINARY REPORT AVIATION		NTSB ID: ANC04LA046		Most Critical Injury: Serious	
		Occurrence Date: 04/20/2004		Investigated By: NTSB	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		ICAO Report Submitted: Yes	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place Kalaupapa		State HI	Zip Code 96742	Local Time 1530	Time Zone HST
Aircraft Information					
Registration Number N302PW		Aircraft Manufacturer Cessna		Model/Series Number 208	
Type of Aircraft: Airplane			Homebuilt Aircraft? No		
Injury Summary:		Fatal	Serious 1	Minor	None 4
Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On April 20, 2004, about 1530 Hawaiian standard time, a Cessna 208 airplane, N302PW, encountered moderate turbulence during cruise flight, while transitioning along the northern shores of the island of Molokai, Hawaii. The flight was conducted under Title 14, CFR Part 135, as a scheduled domestic passenger flight, operated by Pacific Wings LLC, as Flight 2005. Of the five people aboard, the certificated commercial pilot, and three passengers were not injured. The remaining passenger sustained serious injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed, and company flight following procedures were in effect at the time of the accident. The flight originated at the Kahului Airport, about 1511, and was en route to the Honolulu International Airport, Honolulu, Hawaii.</p> <p>In a written statement provided to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the operator's chief pilot reported that after the flight departed from the Kahului Airport, it climbed to 2,500 feet msl for the flight between the islands of Maui and Molokai. Once the flight was within gliding distance of the northern shore of Molokai, the flight descended to 1,000 feet msl.</p> <p>The coastline along the northern shore of Molokai is flanked by a 3,000-foot high cliff. As the flight progressed westbound along the coastline, the airplane encountered turbulence, and dropped sharply. During the turbulence, a passenger seated in the rearmost row of seats, and on the right side of the airplane, struck his head on an air vent located just above his seat, and sustained a scalp laceration. Immediately after the turbulence encounter, the pilot climbed the airplane and proceeded directly to the flight's destination airport of Honolulu, and landed without further incident. After arrival in Honolulu, the passenger was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.</p> <p>During a telephone conversation with the NTSB investigator-in-charge (IIC) on April 23, the passenger who was injured in the turbulence reported that following the accident, he was experiencing numbness in his left arm, and that his head laceration required stitches.</p>					
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Other Aircraft Involved					
Registration Number		Aircraft Manufacturer		Model/Series Number	
Accident Information					
Aircraft Damage: None			Accident Occurred During: Cruise		
Property Damage: None					
Crew	Name	Certificate No.	Injury		
Pilot	On File	On File	None		
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
Operator Information					
Name Pacific Wings LLC		Operator Designator Code RNVA		Doing Business As	
Street Address Kahului Airport, Commuter Terminal		City Kahului, Maui		State HI	Zip Code 96732
-Type of Certificate(s) Held:					
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s): Commuter Air Carrier					
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:		
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter					
Type of Flight Operations Conducted:					
Flight Plan/Itinerary					
Type of Flight Plan Filed: Company VFR					
Last Departure Point		State	Airport Identifier		
KAHULUI		HI	OGG		
Destination		State	Airport Identifier		
HONOLULU		HI	HNL		
Weather Information					
Investigator's Source:		Facility ID:		Observation Time (Local):	
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition:			Ft. AGL		
Lowest Ceiling:		Ft. AGL	Visibility:	10 SM	Altimeter: "Hg
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Weather Information

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Temperature:

°C

Dew Point:

°C

Wind Direction:

Wind Speed:

Kts.

Gusts:

Kts.

Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions

Administration Data

Notification From

LAX FAA, ROC

Date

04/21/2004

Local Time

1600

FAA District Office/Coordinator
Honolulu FSDO
Ray Downing

Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)

Clinton O. Johnson